



EX.236A

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Ivo Raaijmakers et al.
Appl. No.	:	09/658,784
Filed	:	September 11, 2000
For	:	LOADLOCK WITH INTEGRATED PRE-CLEAN CHAMBER
Examiner	:	Rudy Zervigon
Group Art Unit	:	1763

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 13, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments which place the claims in better form for consideration for Appeal, notice of which was filed on December 12, 2003.

After entry of this amendment, Claims 61, 67 and 103-116 remain pending.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

(X) Amendment After Final in 5 pages.

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Independent Claims	2 - 9 = 0	1201 (\$86)	0 x 86 =	\$0
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